

displays in a variety of fashionable shops. There are four miles of arcaded streets in Berne. We stopped at a music shop and ordered tapes and recordings of "Wie d Barner - Oberland jodele" by the famous Wiedmer Brothers, Hans and Walter. They were scheduled to sing for us at the reunion, but couldn't because of illness. We had hamburgers at "Migroinos." Several of the group had the same idea. The menu was interesting -- Chasburger F 1.70 (a double burger), Dappelburger F 3 Pommes Fritex 150 g (french fries) -- Heisser Apfelkrapfen F. 1.20 (apple pie) Bier ohne Alkohol F 1.20 (root beer). Our lunch was F 16.80. The time went by so quickly, I thought of the museums, the interior of the cathedral, the rose gardens, the historic fountains, the beautiful stained glass windows, the clock tower, with its figure play set in motion every four minutes before every full hour, built in the Twelfth Century, the Bear Pitts, and the many other points of interest in this city and wished for the impossible--more time!

We returned to the bus as scheduled and arrived at the State Archives in time to meet Igor and Rosemarie Karlen. Paul introduced us to the personable Mr. Smoki. He made us feel welcome immediately. We were seated around two long tables as he explained many things of interest, including the records placed on the tables before us. Housed in this building are all the District, Canton, City, Federal, and private important citizen documents. All these documents are classified in three categories:

1. Legal
2. Historical
3. Sentimental

These categories overlap, such as old photographs. An Archivist can't throw anything away. He said, "Nothing leaves the Archives except money." He had prepared a "salty mixture" from the Canton of Berne. Enclosed in glass cases were displayed documents of Diemtigen Valley, emigration records of our relatives' early Church History in Berne, Switzerland, information about Peter Kunz who presided in Munstergasse Cathedral and was buried there. Also on display was an important Document, "The Golden Parchment 1218", which is the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Berne,